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USSR-POLAND: Military Activity

Military forces in and around Poland continue to conduct seasonal training activity, which probably will become more frequent and complex during the month. [REDACTED]

Some evidence suggests that a major exercise may be planned in or adjacent to Poland during the party congress. There is no firm evidence of the location or scope of this exercise, nor have preparations been detected for operations elsewhere in Eastern Europe or the western USSR.

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During July, division-level field training is expected to occur more frequently [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Combined-arms training will become more common as combat support and maneuver units begin integrated operations. Major components of combat divisions will likely conduct activity in training areas, probably involving extensive driver training and large convoys. [REDACTED]

Soviet Media Commentary

Soviet press commentary on Poland remains muted, indicating that Moscow has concluded from Foreign Minister Gromyko's talks in Warsaw that there is no immediate need to increase pressure on the Poles. A commentary on Tuesday noted that Poland remains a loyal ally, a point made in the communique issued at the end of Gromyko's visit. [REDACTED]

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Party chief Kania presumably assured Gromyko that results of the Polish central committee plenum scheduled for tomorrow will be acceptable to Moscow. The Soviet press has carried announcements of the plenum, which will discuss preparations for the congress, without comment. [REDACTED]

Warning Strikes

The one-hour strike of dockworkers passed without incident yesterday. The dockworkers are threatening an open-ended walkout beginning on Tuesday--the opening day of the party congress--unless their demands on pay and fringe benefits are met. Airline workers are proceeding with a four-hour strike today. [REDACTED]